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The Honorable Thomas S. Gates  
The Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The United States Intelligence Board has considered two major areas relating to the development and employment of the SAMCOS reconnaissance system. The first of these areas is the consolidation of the general intelligence requirements of the various departments, services and agencies of the United States to serve as the overall basis for the SAMCOS system development. The second of these areas is to establish priorities for the system development and for the employment of the SAMCOS system in the development stage during the 1961-1963 time period. These requirements and priorities are set forth in the attached paper entitled "Intelligence Requirements for Satellite Reconnaissance Systems of which SAMCOS is an example".

The fulfillment of these requirements as expressed is considered critical to the security of the United States, this is also evidenced by the national priority established for SAMCOS.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Chairman

NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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